

# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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**Town:**            Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)

**Address:**            880 Livingston Street

**Historic Name:**    Abner Frost House

**Uses:** Present:    Single Family Residential

Original:    Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:**    c1832

**Source:**            Style & Historic Maps & Atlases

**Style/Form:**            Federal

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation:    Granite

Wall/Trim:        Asbestos Siding

Roof:              Asphalt Shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations (with dates):**

Barn (demolished late 20<sup>th</sup> Century)

**Condition:**            Fair

**Moved:** no | X |    yes | |    **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:**    32 acres

**Setting:**            Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a suburban residential area.

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

880 LIVINGSTON STREET

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The house at **880 Livingston Street** is a two-and-a-half story Federal Era dwelling. The symmetrical five-by-one bay residential has a rear two-and-a-half story ell that forms a T-shaped plan on a granite foundation. Along the entire south façade of the ell is one story hip roof porch. There is one brick chimney that projects from the west slope of the main roof. A second smaller chimney projects from the north slope of the ell roof. The walls are clad in asbestos siding. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The centrally located door is narrow with a modest surround composed of flat trim boards. The windows are 2/2 wood sash windows placed symmetrically on all facades.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

The house at 880 Livingston Street probably built by Abner Frost, a farmer b 1810, c 1832 for his marriage to Eliza Jane Saunders. In 1844 the Frost home and 32 acres were purchased by John Waters in 1844. Waters, a farmer, was an Irish immigrant who first married a Joanna and then a Catherine [Kate]. C1880 John and Catherine were living with two young adults, John and Mary Jane Young. John Young would later live next door to the Waters and worked for the RR. John Waters died in 1888. His widow Catherine continued to live in the house, taking in boarders until her death in 1909. Mary Jane Young inherited the house from Catherine and she took in boarders as well, operating a lodging home. In 1920 Mary J Young sold the house and acreage to Emil and Anna Banas. Emil was a Polish Dry Goods Dealer from Lowell. Two years later the Banas' sold the house to Stasis and Marie Ceslawycuis.

Subsequent owners include: Stasis & Marie Ceslawycuis (1922-1954); Ark Sing Lee & Mee Ark Lee Yee (1954-1982); and their children Fin Quin Yee, Quing Quin Yee, Robert Quin Yee, and Diane S Yee. Ark Sing Lee was a laundry man c1957 in Tewksbury and his family resided in the house at 880 Livingston Street.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES